



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, September 12, 2022, 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Jeanne Gravelle (Chair), Shannon Nash, Wendy Price, Brian Schmalz, Tracey Weiler

Student Trustees Present:

Chloe Armstrong, Anika Fejerpataky

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Absent:

Hans Roach

Recorder:

Alice Figueiredo, Executive Administrative Assistant

**NOTE ON VOTING:** Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

### ***1. Call to Order:***

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### **1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials/Para-liturgy**

The opening prayer was led by Trustee Price.

#### **1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement**

The Territorial Acknowledgement was led by Chair Gravelle.

#### **1.3 Approval of Agenda**

Chair Gravelle requested a motion for approval of the agenda with no amendments.

**2022-22 -- It was moved by Trustee da Silva and seconded by Trustee Schmalz:**

**THAT the agenda for Monday, September 12, 2022, be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.**

#### **1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

1.4.1 From the current meeting

1.4.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

## **2 Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g., day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)**

### **3 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)**

#### **3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings**

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###### **3.1.1 COW Minutes of May 9, 2022**

##### **3.2 Reports to Board 2022-2023**

Chair Gravelle requested a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Van Alphen noted that there was a Motion in March Board meeting requesting that a report with respect to Menstrual Equity be brought forth by the December Board. Director Dowling will amend the Reports to Board to reflect same.

Chair Gravelle asked if there was any more discussion and noted consensus.

**2022-23 -- It was moved by Trustee Conway and seconded by Trustee Price:**

**THAT the Consent Agenda of Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved.**

**--- Carried by consensus.**

### **4 Delegations**

### **5 Advice From the CEO**

#### **5.1 Summer Equity Update**

Director Dowling introduced the Summer Equity report and presenter, Lynn Garrioch, Senior Manager of Equity Services. Ms. Garrioch confirmed the new Equity department consisting of an Equity Systems Navigator, Human Resources/Equity Officer, and Senior Manager of Equity Services. Professional Development over the summer was shared along with upcoming campaigns.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

#### **5.2 Update on Summer Boost/ Summer Programming**

Superintendent Foran introduced the Summer Boost report and presenters Principal Pat Runstedler and Vice-principal Sherrie Rellinger. The presentation discussed the program learning goals, funding, changes, and celebrations. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback. Trustees confirmed their ongoing commitment to advocate to OCSTA for the continued funding of the Summer Boost program.

#### **5.3 2022-2023 Re-Opening Update**

Director Dowling reported on the start of the 2022-2023 school year including in person learning, masking, hand hygiene, daily screening, sports, and ventilation.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and concerns including ventilation going forward and ongoing transportation delays. Superintendent Maharaj confirmed that the Board has made significant upgrades to ventilations systems and our staff is working hard to keep the systems inspected and properly maintained. Superintendent Maharaj also noted that the Board is working closely with STSWR and noted all the initiatives for new bus drivers.

### **6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)**

#### **6.1 Linkages Activity**

Trustees reported back from the Linkages Committee. Highlights include:

- Confirmation that appreciation letters were sent out over the summer.
- Looking at preparing a welcome back message from Trustees at Thanksgiving.
- Discussed New Trustee orientation. Debated on session for candidates vs newly elected. See value in spending resources and energy on newly elected.
- Thanked Trustees for their participation in Links for Learning.
- Acknowledged Trustees participation in their participation in the silent auction at the recent Tiny Homes Takeout fundraiser.
- Chair Gravelle discussed whether all Trustees should come together for the newly elected Trustee orientation vs Linages and the advantages. Trustees requested that 6.3 Onboarding Discussion be added to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

## 6.2 Pastoral Care Activity

Trustees reported back from the Pastoral Care Committee. Highlights include:

- Resurrection and Monsignor Doyle chaplains will provide prayer for September and October. Will leave to newly elected Trustees if they wish to continue.
- Trustees were informed of a Crosswalk event on Friday and if anyone issues to be involved to contact Trustee Price.
- Discussed social with incoming Trustees, perhaps combing with orientation.
- Trustees noted interest of being invited to the upcoming Inaugural meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

## 7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

### 8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

#### 8.1 OCSTA Communications

Chair Gravelle asked if there were any questions with respect to the OCSTA Communications. No Questions.

#### 8.2 September 19 Regional Meeting Preparation

Trustees reviewed the OCSTA questions and answers for the upcoming Fall Regional meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Chair Gravelle brought up an ongoing issue that the SEAC Committee has been faced with for several years. They are having a hard time retaining and recruiting SEAC members as the Ministry states members must be from the Board in which they direct their taxes. SEAC is seeking exceptions to this rule to fill the seats. It was discussed that this issue be brought forward on September 19<sup>th</sup> to determine if it is a local issue or provincial.

## 9. Policy Discussion

## 10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

## 11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

## 12. Potential Agenda Items

## 13. Announcements (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated)

### 13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

Trustees discussed upcoming events.

## 14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items

## 15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

### 15.1 Confirm Decisions

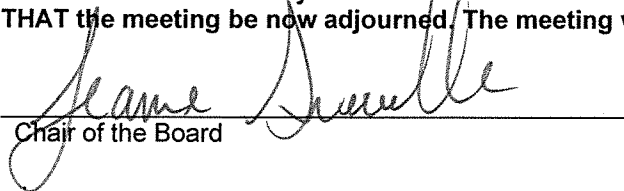
The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

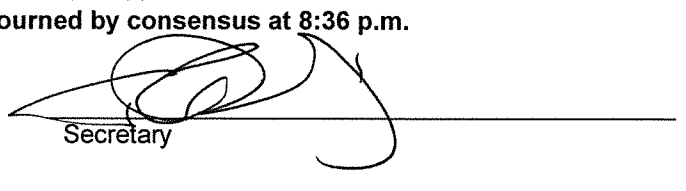
## 16. Closing Prayer

## 17. Motion to Adjourn

2022--24 It was moved by Trustee Nash and seconded by Trustee Price:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:36 p.m.

  
Chair of the Board

  
Secretary